

# Job 19:23

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Oh that my words were now written! oh that they were printed in a book!

## Analysis

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Job wishes 'Oh that my words were now written! oh that they were printed in a book!' This desire for permanent record anticipates the book of Job itself. Job's suffering and defense become Scripture, making his words available for all who suffer.

## Historical Context

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Ancient Near Eastern writing on stone, pottery, or papyrus provided permanence. Job's wish for written record reflects desire for vindication beyond his lifetime.

## Related Passages

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**1 John 4:8** — God is love

**John 15:13** — Greatest form of love

## Study Questions

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1. How does Job's written record comfort you in suffering?
2. What does it mean that Scripture includes honest lament and accusation?

## Interlinear Text

מִי	וְ	אָנוּ	וְ	מִלְאָה	מִי	וְ	אָנוּ	וְ	מִלְאָה			
H4310	<b>oh</b>	<b>that</b>	<b>were</b>	<b>now</b>	<b>written</b>	<b>my</b>	<b>words</b>	H4310	<b>oh</b>	<b>that</b>	<b>in</b>	<b>a book</b>
H5414		H645		H3789		H4405		H5414		H5612		

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they were printed

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## Additional Cross-References

**Isaiah 30:8** (Parallel theme): Now go, write it before them in a table, and note it in a book, that it may be for the time to come for ever and ever:

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